

HOUSE No. 2081

By Ms. Malia of Boston, petition of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to further regulate the speed limit of motorized vehicles in certain densely populated areas in cities and towns. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Thomas M. Menino	Gloria L. Fox
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPEED LIMITS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 deleting the word “thirty” and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words:— twenty five.

1 SECTION 2. Section 18 of said Chapter 90 of the General
2 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 first paragraph the following new paragraph:— “Notwithstanding
4 the foregoing, upon a vote by the city council, the transportation
5 commission of the City of Boston, the board of selectmen or town
6 council as the case may be, a city or town may make special regu-
7 lations as to the speed of motor vehicles on functionally classified
8 local ways; provided however, that the way in question is wholly
9 contained in the municipality; provided, further, that a profes-
10 sional engineer in civil or traffic engineering registered within the
11 Commonwealth and the chief of police or the board or officer

12 having control of the police in a city or town first certify in
13 writing that such regulation is consistent with the public interest
14 and public safety; provided further, that such regulations shall not
15 be subject to the approval of the department of the registrar. For
16 the purpose of this paragraph, a functionally classified local way
17 shall be a public way in a residential area and a public way
18 between a residential area and a minor commercial area.”